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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: ADDITIONAL INFO RE BIOTECHNOLOGY REGULATIONS

REF: (A) LAGOS 2163, (B) STATE 263456

**¶11.** (U) Further to Ref A, Nigeria's National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) reports that the approval, importation and labeling of food products, including products of agricultural biotechnology, is governed by the Drug and Related Products Act (as amended) and related Food Products Registration Regulations and Prepackaged Food Products Regulations.

**¶12.** (U) Among other things, the laws and regulations provide that no food products shall be imported, manufactured or distributed unless such food products have been registered by NAFDAC. In addition, the Prepackaged Food Products Regulations state that no food products shall be sold or imported unless labels containing NAFDAC-stipulated information have been affixed. The regulations also state that "where the ingredients of a food item are known to cause hypersensitivity, such shall be declared on the label, especially those obtained through biotechnology".

**¶13.** (U) As things now stand, NAFDAC appears to be responsible not only for regulating the registration, advertisement and internal distribution of food imports, but also for regulating the biotech trade.

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